

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Daniele Casalini

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For:: SURFACE-COATED HARD MATERIAL, PRODUCTION METHOD FOR THIS,

AND USE OF THE SAME

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 18, please find at Appendix A hereto pages with markings to show changes made in our Response A filed September 5, 2002 and Appendix B with clean versions of the pages marked in Appendix A. No new matter has been added to the application by the addition of now required paragraph numbers however reformatting the document to provide the now required paragraph numbers may result in a slightly different appearance to the pages compared to the original specification that do not contain the paragraph numbers.

If any questions remain, please call Applicant's attorney, collect, at the number given above. If any sums are owed due to claim adjustments, please debit or credit Deposit Account 03-2410, order 12707-3.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: September 26, 2002

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Enclosures: Appendix A, Appendix B